Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Total No. of Distt. Covered	Total Number of Blocks	Achievement (Scheme I)	Achievement (Scheme II)	Total No. of Beneficiaries
17.	Nagaland	1	1	—	—	—
18.	Orissa	2	24	42464	150	42614
19.	Punjab	1	3	—	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	6	24	3934	—	3934
21.	Sikkim	1	1	115	125	240
22.	Tamil Nadu	6	33	12321	10920	23241
23.	Tripura	1	1	—	—	—
24.	U.P.	20	99	—	—	—
25.	West Bengal	4	41	21599	7789	29388
26.	A & N Islands	1	1	25	75	100
27.	Chandigarh	1	1	41	60	101
28.	D & N Haveli	1	1	300	200	500
29.	Daman & Diu	1	1	780	500	1280
30.	Delhi	1	3	1459	1140	2599
31.	Lakshadweep	1	1	—	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	1	1	776	398	1174
	TOTAL	113	507	277133	70016	390377

Note: Adolescent Girls Scheme is sanctioned on Block basis.

Cases against Secretary, CTSA

4236. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the cases of corruption, financial irregularities and misuse of official capacity against the Secretary, Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA);

(b) if so, the details of complaints received against him;

(c) what action has since been taken in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when and what action is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) Some anonymous complaints were received against Central Tibetan Schools Administration and its Secretary. Even though complaint was anonymous, comments were obtained from the Central Tibetal Schools Administration and the case was closed after examining their reply.

A complaint regarding irregular drawal of House Rent Allowance by certain family members of Secretary, Central Tibetan Schools Administration, has been referred to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (The employer of his son) for investigation.

Literacy rate in the country

4237. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate in the country at present particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that the literacy rate in Rajasthan is lowest in comparion to other States as on 30th June, 1998;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase/provide 100% grant to

educationally backward districts of Rajasthan during the current financial year;

(d) whether Government intend to introduce any new schemes during 1998-99 for removal of illiteracy in both Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(e) if so, details thereof till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The literacy data in the country is collected through the decennial census operations. As per the 1991 Census, the Literacy rate in the country and in the States of Rajasthan and Orissa, is as follows:

India:	52.21%
Rajasthan:	38.55%
Orissa:	49.09%

The State of Rajasthan ranks second from the bottom, above the State of Bihar, in the list of States and Union Territories.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Wages of Anganwadi Workers

4238. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anganwadi workers and helpers (ICDS) are demanding higher wages in view of the low earnings they are having;

(b) if so, what is the existing wage level in different States and what is the demand made by the Union; and

(c) the steps taken by Government on thieir demand?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. *MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Anganwadi Workers are demanding higher honorarium. ,.

(b) The Anganwadi Workers are paid honorarium which ranges between Rs. 438/- and Rs. 563/-p.m. depending on their educational qualifications and length of honorary work. The helpers are paid a fixed honorarium of Rs. 260/-p.m. Various representations have been received for declaring them as Government employees.

(c) Honorarium was last revised w.e.f. 16.5.1997.

The boarding the lodging charges for attending training programmes is also under process of upward revision.

They are voluntary workers. There is no proposal to declare them Government employees.

Teacher-student Ratio in Training College

4239. SHRI A. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to change the teacher-student ratio for Training Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will give instruction to National Council for Teacher Education, (NCTE) to change their decision regarding the teacher-student ratio?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to -(c) The National Council for Teacher Education (application for recognition, manner for submission, determination of conditions for recognition of institutions and permission to start new course on training) Regulaltions, 1995 have prescribed teacher-student ratios for teacher education institutions. There is no proposal at present to issue